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McAndrew scores at Seoul talks

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The rush trip of ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew, to South Korea last week to confer with Asian Confederation chiefs may have opened new vistas for Australia in the 1970 World Cup.

McAndrew succeeded in convincing the nations in our qualifying group as well as the Asian Confederation that the original composition laid out by FIFA last January should be modified.

The Asians unanimously endorsed McAndrew's new format for the Asia-Oceania qualifying group, and jointly with the Oceanic Confederation sent a letter to FIFA recommending changes in the group's structure.

The McAndrew plan does not alter the composition of the Asia-Oceania World Cup group, only proposes a more sensible, practicable play-off system.

McAndrew's revised format,

which was mapped out even before FIFA announced the World Cup draw earlier this year, calls for four subgroups in Group 15:

1. Israel v. Rhodesia
2. North Korea, bye
3. South Korea v. Japan
4. Australia v. New Zealand.

This follows the pattern FIFA laid out for the complex, multi-nation African group and involves home-and-away matches for South Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Israel will play both matches at home, Rhodesia having intimated they wish to play all games "away", and North Korea, in virtue of their good

showing in the 1966 World Cup, were given a bye in the preliminary ties.

Israel have agreed to stage a tournament between the three subgroup winners and North Korea in March 1969.

STATEMANSHIP

If they fail to qualify, the tournament, a round-robin where every team will meet twice, will be staged in Japan or in a neutral country, should the Japanese also be eliminated, in September.

The elimination subgroups must be completed before the end of this year.

It was agreed in Seoul that Japan would meet South Korea in November and that Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Rhodesia would play their matches in mid-October.

The Asian Confederation's endorsement of the Australian plan is a tremendous feather in the cap of secretary McAndrew.

To have convinced Asia's top brass in itself is a remarkable achievement.

The ultimate success of his trip, however, will be determined by FIFA's willingness to reconvene the World Cup sub-committee and accept the unanimous request of the nations involved.

If FIFA also agrees — and there is really no valid reason why they shouldn't — McAndrew will have chalked up a major achievement which will reflect favorably on Australian soccer.

This paper has often criticized in the past — and will continue to do so — the often useless, fruitless overseas trips our officials love to undertake at the drop of a hat.

This time, however, the dramatic flight to Seoul and the businesslike manner in which the whole venture was conducted was a praiseworthy act of statesmanship we heartily applaud.



In this photo from last Sunday's Croatia v. Prague match at Wentworth Park, goalie Ron Corry, who played a blinder, looks as though he's using the broad back of Prague's Les Scheinflug (No. 10) as a launching pad for punching a dangerous ball away. Croatia confirmed their revival with a solid 3-1 win.

Not talent, but method is amiss

— By PAUL DEAN —

"I was tickled pink to see so many moderately talented players in Europe," said NSW Federation President Jim Bayutti on his return last week.

"I was pleased because I saw that it's not basic ability, not even skill that our players lack.

"It's well-planned and well-executed, hard, rigorous and intelligent training."

Bayutti said most Italian First Division teams have at least a few very ordinary players.

"But none has an unfit one and none has one that's not superbly coached and tactically drilled.

"This is the field where we keep failing, not in the lack of suitable material.

"And unless the clubs realise this, we will keep failing and get beaten by touring teams that have no more talent than our teams but are infinitely better trained."

Jim Bayutti saw numerous matches in Italy, including

Italy v. Bulgaria and, on TV, the two Hungary v. Russia clashes.

"In Budapest the Hungarians played brilliantly and should have won by five goals," he said.

"Even so, their two-goal lead was thought to be enough against a very pedestrian Russian side.

"But every Italian journalist who went to report the match from Moscow and every Italian who saw the match on TV will swear that in Moscow the Hungarians 'threw' the game.

"It was almost scandalous. They stood still, almost flat-footed and all but helped the Russians to their three goals which finally got them to the semifinal of the European championship."

Yugal can rattle only the champs

What few Sydney fans would have thought possible earlier this year has happened: in the ninth round Hakoah and Polonia will clash for possible first place on the table.

Hakoah are having an amazing run: the last time they lost a match — any match — was in August, 1967. (Afternoon newspaper writers please turn to P.3 for further details).

Polonia seem to be getting

better with age; their unheralded, little-noticed team has won six out of the eight matches so far.

A number of oddities in this championship are worth pointing out.

Yugal, rather disappointing

so far, have only beaten two teams — the two Grand Finalists of 1967, without conceding to them a single goal.

St. George, the declining champions, have also scored only two wins: against the unreconstructed South Coast and the lowly Manly.

Last week they went down to Yugal which had three St. George rejects: Banicevic, Lang and Edwards.

Prague, after a grand start, are also slipping: in their last four games they have only collected a single point.

South Coast have proved quite conclusively that they are definitely real homebodies; they not only drop points in Sydney consistently but also play very badly.

Melita Eagles have grabbed seven points so far — with only six goals scored.

The four Hungarian-born coaches in the First Division — a clear majority — are doing poorly: Melita are 8th (Vlasits), St. George 9th (Hegyes), Canterbury 11th (Polgar) and Manly 12th (Adri-gan).

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Hakoah	8	6	2	—	18	7	14	3	3	—	—	9	4	6	5	3	2	—	9	3	8	Polonia *
Pan Hellenic	8	6	1	1	18	7	13	5	5	—	—	14	3	10	3	1	1	1	4	4	3	APIA
Polonia	8	6	1	1	16	10	13	5	3	1	1	9	7	7	3	3	—	—	7	3	6	Hakoah
South Coast Utd.	8	4	1	3	21	11	9	4	4	—	—	19	4	8	4	—	1	3	2	7	1	Manly *
APIA	8	3	3	2	14	11	9	3	2	1	—	8	3	5	5	1	2	2	6	8	4	Pan Hellenic *
Prague	8	3	2	3	20	16	8	3	2	1	—	10	1	5	5	1	1	3	10	15	3	Melita Eagles *
Croatia	8	3	1	4	11	14	7	4	2	1	1	6	4	5	4	1	—	3	5	10	2	St. George
Melita Eagles	8	2	3	3	6	9	7	4	—	3	1	3	5	3	4	2	—	2	3	4	3	Prague
St. George	8	2	2	4	9	10	6	4	1	1	2	4	6	3	4	1	1	2	5	4	3	Croatia *
Yugal	8	2	1	5	9	17	5	5	2	1	2	7	7	5	3	—	—	3	2	10	—	Canterbury
Canterbury	8	2	—	6	10	26	4	4	2	—	2	7	8	4	4	—	—	4	3	18	—	Yugal *
Manly	8	—	1	7	6	20	1	5	—	—	5	1	11	—	3	—	1	2	5	9	1	South Coast Utd.

Australia Cup

Hakoah, Hellenic
are favorites

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Hakoah and Pan Hellenic are favored to win their way into the semifinals of the Australia Cup at the Sydney Sportsground tonight, Wednesday, May 22.

Their respective opponents, St. George-Budapest and Prague are very much the underdogs.

The organisation in the western group of the Australia Cup is so haphazard that all their matches are way behind schedule.

It's a safe bet that it will be weeks before tonight's winners know who their semifinal opponents will be for the home-and-away ties which have to be completed by the end of September.

Tonight's quarterfinals previews:

Hakoah v. St. George

In the past Saints have always done well against Hakoah in cup matches, reversing the trend which almost always gives Hakoah the upper hand in league games.

Judging on current form, tonight may be the exception which confirms the rule.

St. George need a startling reversal of form to topple the championship leaders.

Saints' attack this season has shown nothing to suggest they can unduly worry Hakoah's splendid defence.

Marnoch and Co. only have to play their usual, solid game to curb a St. George forward-line which has lacked sparkle, bite and cohesion all through the early competition rounds.

This match may follow the pattern of most Hakoah games.

Saints are likely to be allowed a fair share of the ball, but will find it nigh impossible to break through, while their opponents' dangerous sorties may well be rewarded with one or two goals for yet another victory.

Pan Hellenic v. Prague

The contrast in styles in the late game of the double-header should make for exciting soccer.

The large expanse of the Sportsground may favor Prague's fluid, more constructive type of play, but Pan Hellenic will be very hard to beat.

Enjoying their best season ever, Pan Hellenic are still not a great team, but they have admirable spirit and energy, and their stamina enables them to run for the full 90 minutes without ever slackening their tempo.

Having knocked out APIA and only suffered one championship defeat, their record commands great respect, and though Prague has what it takes to come out on top, one cannot go past Pan Hellenic.

This match may well be won in midfield.

As this happens to be Pan Hellenic's strongest division, with Westwater and Cole, and Prague's weak spot to date, the stage seems set for Pan Hellenic's forwards to get plenty of the ball tonight.

If Prague's defence fails to hold the eager-beaver Hellenic forwards, they'll be swamped.

The likeliest outcome is a narrow Pan Hellenic win,

perhaps by the only goal of what promises to be a spectacular match.

Likely teams:

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Marnoch, Yaager; Edmunds, Barnett, Watkiss, Baartz, Jones.

St. George: Haffey; Stegbauer, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman; Galambos, Cliss, Warren, Harris, Clarke.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Johnston, Omeros; McCulloch, Cole, Westwater; Blitz, Smith, Karyannis, Laraman, Hignett.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Blacker; Zeman, Rootsey, Moulson; Gauto, Hoggart, Scheinflug, Molnar, Armytage.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Brackenbury
testimonial

Torj Boskovic will referee the NSW v. ex-Canterbury XI match at Belmore Sports Ground next Wednesday night, May 19, under floodlights.

Another FIFA ticket-holder, Harold Parsons, will be on the line, together with Norman Jones.

Early fixtures will feature representative sides from the Canterbury district, against Northern Suburbs under-16, Ku-ring-gai under-10 and Bankstown under-8s.

There will be a short march-past, featuring five teams from each of the district's leading clubs.

Belmore Police Boys Club, one of the Association's biggest and best-organised soccer clubs, will provide the services of both their brass band and pipe band.

Amongst those who will be assisting on the night are former Federation Vice-President, Harry Bartlett and committee member Allan Woods.

Many local clubs as well as other Associations have moved remarkably well to assist the cause.

Five clubs, Earlwood, Punchbowl, Marrickville, Enfield and Belmore, and the Canterbury Referees' Association have donated \$750 between them to the Bill Brackenbury fund.

— Keith Gilmour

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Despite a not particularly attractive program last weekend, the total attendance at First Division matches was 18,334. The spectacular increase in crowds this season has so far been the highlight of one of the most absorbing Sydney championship on record. Crowds, at this stage, are some 20 per cent up on last year, and should receive a further boost this weekend when the fans have several good matches to chose from.

St. George's young GEORGE HARRIS is indignant about our item last week. He says he had made arrangements to visit Wagga for a Teachers' College reunion over the weekend, yet was selected for the Saints' first team. He meant to fly back at his own expense early on Sunday but fog held up his plane and he arrived late. This information from the player seems to clear him up. But with due respect, nothing can clear those St. George officials who had agreed to let Harris go to Wagga and still selected him for the Sunday match, knowing that he would return to Sydney only hours before kick-off.

TERRY EATON rang this week to tell us personally he was misquoted in an afternoon newspaper. "I never told anyone, as it was alleged, that APIA shouldn't have had their goal disallowed last Sunday. In fact, when asked, I replied that the ball had not crossed the line," Eaton declared vehemently.

Young forward STEVE FRAY has been missing from Yugal's line-up this season because he has temporarily discarded his soccer career to concentrate on night classes at the Technical College. Fray, a talented ball-player, may resume playing next season.

There is a rumor that APIA's international fullback, GEORGE NUTTALL, may seek a transfer soon. Nuttall was surprisingly dropped from APIA's first team a few weeks ago when new coach Iglesias took over.

BERNIE GOLD, the speedy Hakoah winger, is now the favorite of Wingate fans in the English Athenian League. Since Gold joined the Jewish-sponsored club, their results have improved out of sight.

A 29-year-old English professional GOALKEEPER is interested in joining a Sydney club. He's married, with one child, and is a bricklayer by trade. The player has just completed six years with Carlisle United and previously played six years with Bolton Wanderers. He has played in each of the four English professional divisions and has a clearance to move to Sydney at once. Interested clubs should ring Abea Levin, 38-2275.

Nine High Schools competed in the SOCCER CAR-NIVAL, sponsored by Western Suburbs, last Friday week at Timbrell Park, Five Dock.

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Schools competing were Con-dell Park, Chester Hill, Drummoyne, Fort Street, Homebush, Ibrox Park, Punchbowl, Rozelle and Sth. Strathfield. In the 14's final Drummoyne beat Ashfield 5-0 and South Strathfield beat Punchbowl in the "Open" final. Winning teams received trophies and pennants, presented by the Western Suburbs Soccer Club.

The ASF assures us that the recent Australia v. Japan internationals were recorded by FIFA as full "A" internationals. Secretary Ian McAndrew said this week FIFA would only publish the results once they receive the ASF's official match reports. The next issue of "FIFA News" is expected to carry the results.

Melita Eagles' half-yearly GENERAL MEETING will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 9, at their Marrickville clubrooms.

JOE VASVARI, APIA's star inside-forward in 1958-59, is now the coach of their reserve teams. Vasvari, who played for NSW against Deportivo Saprissa of Costa Rica in 1959, coached Marconi last season.

Hakoah have loaned reserve graders ALEX COUTTS and BRENDAN BERNE to Lane Cove and South Sydney respectively this season.

A pat on the back for MELITA officials for efficiently patrolling the sidelines at Mona Park last Sunday. As a result of their patrols, the officials, who wore identifying armbands, always had the large crowd under control and deterred potential trouble-makers.

JIM FOCAS from Olympic Canberra has been suspended for three years. He was charged with assaulting a referee late last year. A reserve-grader, sent off four weeks ago, was suspended for two months by the ACT P and D committee.

Three young soccer fans have launched a campaign to try to stop Chesterfield goalkeeper, JOHN ROBERTS, being forced to return to his native Australia. They have organised a petition which they plan to deliver to the Home Office on Saturday. Roberts, aged 23, on loan to Chesterfield from Blackburn Rovers, has been told by the Home Office not to sign a contract for next season because his two-year work permit expires in June. Chesterfield's Labour MP, Mr Eric Varley, is trying to extend Roberts' stay and is now awaiting a reply from the Home Office. Said one of the fans, 16-year-old Geoff Harrington: "Roberts is one of the best goalkeepers Chesterfield has had and we don't want to lose him."

Auburn soon hope to sign REINHARDT ROTHMIR, a goalkeeper, who last year was on the books of the West German Munchen 1860.

Former Melita Eagles captain-coach, KARL JAROS, has been transferred to North Sydney Inter for \$500. He had his first game for his new club last weekend.

The Northern NSW Federation has arranged for NBN CHANNEL 3, Newcastle, to film its match-of-the-week,

and show it in full on Sunday evenings. All games will be televised from Adamstown Oval for technical reasons, which will make the Adamstown ground Newcastle's central soccer ground for 1968.

JOHN MCBRIDE is coaching at Weston (Newcastle) this year. The club is endeavoring to strengthen its team by adding five recently-arrived Scots. Former Blackpool defender, TOM GARRETT, is coach of Second Division Cardiff, who are fighting to return to First Division for 1969.

Western Suburbs have arranged for two young players from the Toronto (Newcastle) club to come to Sydney for a week's coaching under JOE MARSTON during the school holiday period, with all expenses met by the club.

Arrangements are being made for each Sydney Association to have its own CAR STICKERS of suitable design. This is an excellent move by the amateurs to publicise their activities. Perhaps the day is coming when the daily papers will produce soccer barrackers' kits as well. The youngsters reckon it is overdue!

APIA's Australian international goalkeeper, BILL RORKE, underwent a shoulder operation at the Waverley War Memorial Hospital last week. Rorke has been placed on transfer, for \$3,000, by the club.

Newcastle soccer identity, SID GRANT, now a Sydney resident, is to write a history of the Adamstown Rosebuds Soccer Club, one of the oldest and strongest clubs in Northern NSW.

Eight Sydney Associations will be sending leading under-12 club teams for COUNTRY GAMES on the Queen's Birthday weekend. The Sydney Amateur Association is donating \$20 to each Sydney team to assist in travelling expenses, and will provide Sydney pennants for presentation to the players in the country teams.

SAIGON
CROWDS
VANISH

The April issue of FIFA News, the official monthly bulletin of the world body, lists all the details of the Vietnam National Day Tournament, won by Australia in November last year.

The official crowd figures released by the Vietnamese organisers make interesting reading.

While the Australian team was away in Saigon last year we heard of "capacity" or "near capacity" crowds of 25,000 and 30,000 spectators at most of the matches.

The official crowd figures which FIFA received from the Vietnamese FA tell a different story.

The largest crowd was only 16,332 — for the semifinal double-header on November 12.

The Australia v. South Korea final was only watched by 13,852 people.

Australia's preliminary round-robin match against South Vietnam, which was supposed to have been attended by a crowd of 30,000, attracted 16,280, according to the organisers.

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HAKOAH ARE KEEN TO STRETCH UNBEATEN RECORD TO FULL YEAR

— By PAUL DEAN —

The last time Hakoah tasted defeat was on August 20, 1967 when they narrowly went down to APIA, 3-2.

Since then their record reads: 21 matches played, 16 won and five drawn.

Can they stretch this to a full year? Hakoah officials are optimistic that they can.

It's truly a tremendous feat, no matter how you look at it.

These 21 matches include—

- the last championship match of 1967;
- three matches in the end-of-season KO Cup, which they won;
- seven matches in the 1968 Ampol Cup, which they won and drew two;
- the inter-city Ampol Cup final in Melbourne, which they won;
- eight rounds of the 1968 championship with six wins and two draws.

- the 1968 Australia Cup first round win over Croatia.

What's the secret of Hakoah's success?

Hakoah's team has not changed greatly since 1967. Trevor Edwards has been squeezed out at right full-

back by Stewart and the tremendously effective wing half pair of Walsh and Duffy has been replaced by the younger, but perhaps even more talented Gardiner-Yaager duo.

Out in front Jones, Edmunds, Fekete and Baartz were all there in 1967 and only Barnett is the newcomer; however, it's hard to believe that this goal-poacher in his early thirties would make such a vast difference. (Watkins appeared in Hakoah's team last Sunday for the first time.)

So the secret is not expensive, new players, which many people with a superficial knowledge are apt to believe.

The coach? During 1967 Hakoah and Tiko Jelisevic parted company and for a while Trevor Edwards acted as coach.

Early in 1968 former Preston, Bolton and England winger, Doug Holden, got the job.

This quiet, almost reticent yet immensely experienced Englishman must take a lot of the credit.

He has "unearthed" young Gardiner and, what's more, had the courage to stick to him despite his mere 17 years; he also stuck to Yaager at left half, despite the fact in 1967 Yaager failed to produce what was really expected of him.

Holden has also brought out the hidden best from the two ex-Queensland wingers, Edmunds and Jones who were struggling in 1967 but are shining this year: Edmunds in my book is Sydney's best right winger just now and Jones has made the State squad on the left flank.

HOW GOOD?

In the middle, the Baartz-Barnett partnership has become highly effective and at times brilliant while behind them Fekete has played a number of excellent games as a grafter.

Just how good is the Hakoah team? So far they have been really tested three times: by APIA, Prague and Pan Hellenic. (Although they only drew with Melita, it was Ha-

koah's poorer day rather than Melita's brilliance that cost them the point.)

Against APIA they rescued a point near the end, after an even game and under extremely difficult conditions which nearly erupted into a riot.

With Prague they played a grand game but after leading 4-1; relaxed and had to fight desperately in the last 20 minutes to hang on to a narrow 4-3 win.

Against Pan Hellenic it was Hakoah's defence that won the day; they withstood an incredible amount of pressure, yet never gave up the hope for a counter-punch which, in the last minute or so, produced their second goal.

I don't rate Hakoah brilliant by the old Prague — or even the old Hakoah — standards.

They haven't got the same sparkle and the same individual artistry that come with the likes of Blutsch, Mach, Jaros, Ninaus and Baumgartner.

But today's Hakoah is more flexible, more resilient and more determined than any other team they ever had.

I would compare them to the Prague of 1963 which, though seldom brilliant, was always amazingly efficient, smooth and resourceful and finally won the championship, relying basically on only 13 players.

Whether Hakoah can emulate them is hard to say. But their 21-match sequence without one single defeat is in itself something they can be proud of.

— EDITORIAL —

KIDS—GIVE YOURSELF A GO!

Give the kids a go — this, over the years, has become the loud, almost monotonous catchcry in Sydney soccer.

This has become almost as often heard as the open or thinly veiled campaigns to restrict, indeed, stop the importation of overseas players or to change the ethnic names of clubs.

This newspaper has a proud record in these fields. We not only yell an occasional "give the kids a go" but, unlike any other publication in Sydney, do give them a go by devoting regular space for their activities, teams and results.

Together with all serious minded officials, we take the kids seriously.

But do the kids also take themselves seriously?

Not always, and not too many.

Far too frequently we hear of youngsters who are given every encouragement and help to develop into full-blooded players — yet take their soccer light-heartedly.

Even when selected for their first grade team for the first time, some are very far from impressed; we know of cases where they declined to play in favor of spending the weekend with their mates or with a girlfriend.

And these are not just ordinary kids: they are the ones clubs are desperately trying to groom for first teams, the ones who should enable clubs to cut down or eliminate the need for imports.

The skipper of the Australian team, John Warren, is himself indignant about these strange phenomena.

"Too many of today's youngsters are not keen enough," he says.

"When they get their big chance, they should grab it with both hands."

"Maybe it's true, after all, that the average Australian just can't take sport as seriously as Europeans do."

"Perhaps the numerous other attractions nowadays available to youth make their dedication impossible."

If so, the "give the kids a go" will remain an empty phrase and should be redirected towards the kids themselves, such as: "give yourselves a go."

Clubs, without exception, welcome with open arms any talented local youngster.

But if these boys don't show the keenness and dedication needed to improve their skills, you shouldn't blame the clubs.

It's not fair to awaken dormant resentments and to incite hatred in the average Australian by pointing out that the "kids don't get a chance" or that "clubs still import their players."

These newspapers should also tell their readers why this is so and likely to remain so unless our local boys decide that soccer, after all, can give at least as much pleasure as a weekend booze party with the mates.

Foot-tennis off to great start

APIA's giant Jim Sambrook made history last Monday night by serving the first ball of the first match in a unique foot-tennis tournament.

This will continue over the next six or seven weeks at Soccer House, Mortdale.

In the first match the APIA pair of Ackerley-Sambrook defeated Melita Eagles' Duffy and Robinson 21-17, 21-14.

In the second match the St. George pair of Zuckerman-Schauman outclassed the young Western Suburbs combination of Pont-Bijkerk, winning 21-10, 21-7.

In the last match of the evening Manly's Jagger-Hadley pair beat Croatia's Corry-Williamson in three hard fought sets, 21-23, 23-21, 21-13.

Leading Sydney referee Tony Boskovic acted as umpire and John Warren as compere.

Next Monday evening further rounds will be played in the tournament where the first prize money is a whacking \$150.

FORUM

The following matches will be played next Monday: Manuel-Parkhouse (Prague) v. Van Blerk-Hughes (APIA); Cliss-Hillary (St. George) v. Jones-Edmunds (Hakoah); Shepherd-Giles (Croatia) v. Barnett-Gardiner (Hakoah); Bosklopper-Apostilidis (Wests) v. Povey-Constable (Polonia). Spectators are welcome.

Soccer House, the enter-

prising home of St. George-Budapest Club, will be the scene of yet another new soccer venture in Sydney.

On May 30 the club will organise its first "Forum" session.

These are devised to encourage an exchange of ideas on soccer administration, progress and development in Australia.

The first "Forum" will have for its subject "Professionalism in Australian soccer".

Hakoah secretary-manager, Harry Lakmaker, has been invited to speak for and Manly secretary, Alan Bush, will speak against the idea.

All people interested in the subject are welcome to attend the "Forum" on Thursday evening, May 30.

Several leading players and club officials including those of the NSW Federation will also attend and express their views.

"We hope to stimulate thought that may lead to progress," St. George president, Les Bordacs, said this week.

"Anybody is welcome to say his piece if he can contribute to the subject."

— Paul Dean

Tall Texan tale

We have heard some strange stories from Texas in our day but this...

In the May issue of the London "World Soccer," the magazine's American correspondent, Colin Jose writes, among other things:

"Dallas Tornados... on their extensive tour... played 44 games, won 10, drew 9 and lost 25."

"Their best results were a draw with the Turkish team Fenerbahce and with the Australian national team..."

As far as we know, Dallas never played our national team; even the Sydney side that beat them 2-1 — before the Ampol Cup even got under way — was anything but a full State side.

Alas, poor Dallas. If they base their future publicity handouts on this mythical draw with Australia, we ought to be a little more cautious the next time an American team offers to come over here and sends out the beautifully prepared, mimeographed but probably completely false prospectus about their deeds.

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Meet the players

HE IS SET TO FOLLOW IN DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Gary Qusted does not, I suppose, conform to the popular image of a football player.

Meeting him off the field, you are more likely to take him for a young university student.

He is quiet and serious of manner, not at all like the brash, noisy type of fellow soccer fans often imagine their heroes to be.

To add to his scholarly appearance, he wears spectacles.

(In this latter aspect, he is in famous company. "Nobby" Stiles, of Manchester United and England, also wears "specs" off the field.)

Gary, 17-year-old son of the former Huddersfield star Len Qusted, is in his first season of senior soccer with Melita Eagles.

Unlike his father, who made his name as a tigerish wing-half, Gary plays on the wing.

But there is no mistaking the family resemblance in the way he beats a man, and

creates scoring chances for others.

"At this stage, I think I prefer the wing to any other position on the field," he says.

"At inside-forward, for example, you have to do a lot more running, fetching and carrying."

With Melita, Gary — and his youthful teammates — comes under the eagle eye of "Uncle Joe"

Vlasits, who has achieved such marked success in guiding the recent fortunes of Australia's representative team.

Vlasits was in charge of the NSW Under-16 squad last season, and was not slow in noticing the potential of Gary and his Cumberland juniors team-mate, Bobby Smith, who is also in the Melita first team.

"Uncle Joe asked me if I'd be interested in having a go at senior football, and, of course, I jumped at the

chance," Gary said.

Vlasits, not one to make extravagant claims, says that Qusted has the "makings" of a good footballer.

"For one so young, his ball control is excellent and he possesses outstanding positional sense."

"This positional sense is a must for good wingers, and it has to be born in a player."

"Gary has the natural ability to be a top class soccer player," Vlasits says, "it's up to him to develop it to the full."

It's hardly likely that Gary will fail to do so — especially with a father like Len Qusted to keep him up to the mark.

"Dad's about my sternest critic," Gary says, "when he's not turning out for Auburn's third grade team, which he coaches, he often watches me."

"He's not slow in telling me where I'm going wrong."

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Polonia

2 (0)

Krawiarz 56 and 64 (pen.) mins.

Canterbury

1 (0)

Hewitt 86 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

Hignett 12 min., Westwater 49 min. (penalty).

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Croatia

3 (1)

Reynolds 20 min., R. Cush 75 min., F. Cush 85 min.

Prague

1 (1)

Scheinflug 40 min.

Manly

0 (0)

Hakoah

3 (2)

Edmunds 5 min., Baartz 6 and 57 mins.

Yugal

1 (1)

Edwards 35 min.

St. George

0 (0)

Melita E.

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

Drewniak 3; Addison 3, Skiba 4; Adamson 3, Dzialach 5, Komoder 4; Povey 3, Minol 4, Kulak 3, Krawiarz 5, Calphy 2.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: G. Azzopardi

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 4, Hardy 3; Galbraith 4, Taylor 4, Stridelis 4; Rinos 4, Hillhouse 3, Ninaus 2, Kauz 2, Paxinos 2 (Hewitt 3)

TOTAL: 35

Coach: G. Polgar.

Maglis 4; Johnston 3, Omeros 3; McCulloch 4, Cole 5, Westwater 5; Blitz 3, Smith 3, Patrinos 2 (Laraman 3), Karyannis 3, Hignett 2.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Nuell 2; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 4; Anderson (sent off), Carr 3, Davies 2; Beattie 2 (McGrath 3), McGarry 2, Tolson 3, Alston 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 27

Coach: J. Kelly.

Corry 5; Lincoln 4, Sloan 4, Curry 4, Shepherd 4, Wright 3; Reynolds 5, Page 3, Guerrera 3, R. Cush 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

King 3; Harcombe 4, Tracey 3; Blacker 4, Rootsey 4, Blanco 3 (replaced Molnar 27th minute); Gauto 2, Moulson 2, Zeman 2, Scheinflug 4, Armytage 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: J. Venglos

Dart 3; McGrath 3, Brooks 4; Verrills 3, Campbell 4, Jagger 3; Nutt 2 (Dobbin 3), Henry 3, G. Jones 2, Hughes 4, Waller 4.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: D. Adrigan.

Fuzes 4; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 3; Gardiner 3, Marnoch 4, Yaager 4; Edmunds 4, Watkiss 4, Barnett 3, Baartz 5, Jones 2.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: D. Holden.

Petrou 2; Pacanin 4, Crnich 4; Lang 3, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 4; Edwards 4, Stosic 3, Halpin 3, M. Alagich 3, Volar 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Haffey 3; Stegbauer 3 (Sandell 4), Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 4; McCue 2, Rees 2, Warren 4, Fernandez 4, Schauman 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Eaton 5; Robinson 4, Bankhead 3; De Bruin 5, Duffy 3, Hewlett 3; Quested 3, Smith 3, Thorne 4, Goldie 3, Nemet 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Taylor 4; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 5, Hughes 3, Sambrook 4, Bottalico 4, Campbell 3, Campana 3, Giacometti 3, Santoro 3, McKinnon 4.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Match rating: * * *

Playing with the strong wind in the first half, Canterbury failed to press home their big territorial advantage through shocking shooting and tight, excellent cover-defence by Polonia's rearguard, again expertly marshalled by stopper Dzialach. It was a different story after the first 10 minutes of the second half when the wind-assisted Polonia exerted ever-increasing pressure, which logically resulted in two goals, though the second was a trifle harsh penalty. Polonia were in full command until the final whistle despite Hewitt's late "consolation" goal and could have aggravated the score had the dashing Krawiarz received better support from his co-forwards. Polonia's better control of the ball deservedly won this grimly fought match, but the Berries, despite an almost complete black-out in attack, were not disgraced.

Crowd: 1,500.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

The scoreboard in this hard fought tussle was no true indication of Pan Hellenic's superiority throughout the full 90 minutes. Despite the windswept pitch, Pan Hellenic managed to show that they deserve their high standing on the competition ladder, as they methodically reduced Coast's highly rated forward line into an ineffective and inaccurate combination. Pan Hellenic should have won with a much bigger margin. Once again, Pan Hellenic's half-back trio McCulloch, Cole and Westwater played a major role in the team's victory with the latter two excelling. It was a pity that Tom Anderson had to receive his marching orders late in the game as he was easily the best performer for the visitors.

Crowd: 5,000.

Referee: A.R. Brown.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * * *

Croatia, very much on the mend, won this entertaining match, where the ball travelled frequently from one end to the other, in the second half. They were on the receiving end in the first half, but Prague's atrocious shooting and some glorious goalkeeping by Corry kept the score level at the break. The second half was all Croatia's with Vic Reynolds, the undisputed master of the midfield, their driving force. Prague's experiment in playing two, defenders in attack flopped dismally further weakened their defence and rendered their forward-line even more impotent.

Crowd: 1,834.

Referee: N. Campbell.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Hakoah opened at a tremendous pace and were two-up within six minutes. At this early stage it looked as though a glut of goals seemed inevitable, but Hakoah eased up and let Manly off the hook. The killer touch which makes teams champions was missing from Hakoah. Even so, they were vastly superior to Manly and never even remotely looked likely to lose. Manly again showed how desperately they need several players capable of holding on to the ball as too much possession is squandered by this young side. Watkiss had a sound debut in this generally drab match which provided little spectacle for the uncomfortably cold fans.

Crowd: 2,300.

Referee: J. Stiff.

— EDDIE EVANS

Match rating: * * * *

The sides were evenly matched, and wasted few balls in the stiff breeze. Volar and Edwards combined almost effortlessly to give Yugal the goal which rightly won them the match. The Saints' defence and halves set the second half pace, but with Warren and Fernandez receiving little support up front, they had no chance of coming marching home. Full marks to a re-organized and much improved Yugal team on their enterprising display, and to a defence which stood its ground to the end.

Crowd: 1,900.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * * *

APIA, cock-a-hoop after their drubbing of Prague, found the way to the Melita goal strewn with obstacles and had to settle for a share of the spoils. Though Hughes and Bottalico nowadays are not the dominating figures of old, they gave their forwards plenty of chances. However, the APIA forwards, McKinnon apart, were disappointing and threatened only on rare occasions. When they did penetrate they found Eaton unbeatable, particularly before his injury. Eaton's performance was matched only by De Bruin, who has improved in technique and all-round play since leaving St. George. Melita staged a whirlwind finish and nearly scored towards the end.

Crowd: 5,800.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— ALAN SPEERS

George Azzopardi: "I was right to warn the boys Canterbury would be no push-over. They made us fight for every ball, but I am happy that Polonia once again played their way out of trouble with clever, tactical football."

Gyula Polgar: "With better finishing we could have sewn up the match after 60 minutes. We couldn't capitalise on the wind, Polonia did. It's as simple as that. A draw, however, would have been a better reflection of this close match."

Walter Tamandl: "We played the best football despite the injuries suffered by some of our key players and deserved to win. The boys played even better in the second half against the strong wind."

Jim Kelly: "We presented Pan Hellenic with the two goals. However, I have no complaints. We lost the game, and that's all there is to it."

Bill Vrolyks: "On today's showing we are definite semi-final prospects. The players are now match-fit. They played superbly today."

Joe Venglos: "We lost the game in the first half when glorious chances went begging. After the interval we were beaten by the better team."

Denes Adrigan: "The two goals in five minutes killed us. If it hadn't been for that we could have held them. We certainly gave as good as we got in the second half."

Doug Holden: "The result was never in doubt. The boys played very well, but we seemed to have too much time to ourselves. With a little more luck, we would have won by a bigger margin."

Ferdo Dunaj: "The win was most welcome. We deliberately brought in keen second team players to build up team spirit, and it worked."

Laurie Hegyes: "I was disappointed. For some reason we are lacking in heart. It's hard to explain..."

Joe Vlasits: "We did well to hold APIA, I thought, particularly after Eaton was injured. Those who criticise our defensive methods should remember that this is the youngest side in the competition, with an average age of only 20½. We are starting from scratch in building a side."

Adauto Iglesias: "The Melita defence played well, but with a little more sharpness in attack we would have won, and won well. All in all, I was not dissatisfied with APIA's display."

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— By LOU GAUTIER —

Both matches involve the clear-cut competition leaders and will have a big bearing on the top of the ladder.

Given fine weather, the APIA-Pan Hellenic match should attract a five-figure crowd and swell the round's total attendance to over 22,000 spectators.

Our previews for the weekend:

Canterbury v. Yugal

Last week's long-awaited victory, the first since the first round, will have acted like a tonic for Yugal.

Against Canterbury, they can confidently expect another two points though the Berries will have different ideas.

On paper this looks like a very open match, but we prefer Yugal's chances because they appear to have more cohesion all round.

Canterbury's greatest failing has been the inability of their defence and forward-line to link up effectively.

This has cost them many matches this season, and though the inclusion of Stridelis, Taylor and Hewitt has strengthened their mid-field, we feel that on Saturday the trio of Crnich, Banicevic and Rafaneli may gain the upper hand.

If the Berries are to win, and overtake Yugal on the ladder, their forwards must not squander the many chances which invariably come their way.

CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 18,334.

Average per match: 3,055.

Attendance after eight rounds: 130,692.

Weekly average attendance: 16,336.

Hakoah v. Polonia

Who would have believed six weeks ago that Polonia would be challenging for first place?

Yet this is happening on Saturday when they have the opportunity to jump ahead of Hakoah into first place.

Hakoah, the logical favorites despite Polonia's fine string of successes, will find the going tough against a highly tactical opponent whose greatest asset is a cool, efficient and mobile defence which stands on no ceremony.

Polonia may be advantaged by the fact that Hakoah will have played against St. George in the Australia Cup three days earlier.

The fresher, rested Polonia may thus be able to get away with their slower pace.

Krawiarz, the star of the Polonia attack, will collide with Marnoch in a head-on duel which holds the key of the match.

Despite Krawiarz's credentials and his scintillating form the Hakoah skipper should come out on top, as he does against most forwards in Sydney.

It may be too much to expect Watkiss to strike his best form so soon after his comeback, so it's very much on the cards that Hakoah's attack will again pale in comparison with their match-winning defence.

This may let Polonia off the hook and enable them to hold out, but at the finish we would be surprised if the two points were not Hakoah's.

Prague v. Melita Eagles

Prague's promising early season form has gone haywire.

Too many team changes week after week may be the main reason for a slump

which has now reached alarming proportions.

The lack of a striker and an inexperienced defence which reveals gaping holes are other reasons why Melita Eagles need not fear unduly about the outcome of this match.

Their chances for at least a draw at Marks Field are excellent.

Against APIA last week-end their defence again surpassed itself and only has to repeat that performance to shut Prague out.

The addition of Thorne, whose loss Prague may yet live to bitterly regret, and the blossoming talents of Nemet, Qvested and Smith has enlivened their attack.

Prague who seem to flatter only to deceive are due for a brighter display more in keeping with their potential.

However, they may have to wait to return to the winning list.

Against the confident Melita, which are more than a match for any team now, they may have to be content with a draw — but only if they show a big improvement on their wretched recent form.

South Coast v. Manly

South Coast continue to perform so pathetically in Sydney that if this match was played at Manly, one would even have to think twice before tipping them to win.

At Woonona, however, Manly appear certain to suffer the fate of far better teams before them.

The two-goal advantage United undoubtedly enjoy at home should ensure a clear-cut provincial victory.

The best Manly can hope for is a respectable defeat, and even that may be hard to achieve for a team whose talent is so thread-bare.

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Canterbury v. Yugal — P. Rampley; Hakoah v. Polonia — H. Parsons; Prague v. Melita Eagles — M. Buchanan; APIA v. Pan Hellenic — K. Lockrey; SCU v. Manly — L. Rae; St. George v. Croatia — J. Stiff.

LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU) 8
Smith (Pan Hellenic) 8
Baartz (Hakoah) 7
Cliss (St. George) 6
Krawiarz (Polonia) 6
G. Manuel (Prague) 6
Karyannis (P. Hellenic) 5
Kulak (Polonia) 5
Armytage (Prague) 4
Edwards (Yugal) 4
McGarry (SCU) 4

ROUND 10

South Coast will be all out to redeem themselves in front of their home crowd.

Though United should win easily and move up the ladder on Sunday evening they still have to convince Sydney fans they must be taken seriously.

In every Sydney match this season they looked more like relegation bait than semifinal material, and no matter how big their win on Sunday, there will be thousands of doubting Thomases still waiting to be convinced.

St. George v. Croatia

The rapidly improving Croatia, now fielding a full team, is hardly the team to put St. George back on the road to success.

The absence of Cliss was more than the ailing Saints could take last week, but even if the star forward is back on deck at Hurstville it's very doubtful whether St. George can put a spanner in the increasingly smooth, well-oiled Croatia machine.

Everything seems basically wrong in the St. George team this year, though on paper, at least, they look stronger than in 1967.

The main reason for their startling decline, of course, is that they are one of the few teams which haven't improved over the last few months.

Actually, they've slipped while their opponents have forged ahead, and it will now take a huge improvement for them to reach the final play-offs.

Croatia's defence, back at its efficient, methodical best, should be able to contain Saints' pallid attack, and their forwards, spearheaded by a rejuvenated Reynolds, should get sufficient breaks to come away from Hurstville with the two points, thus avenging some of the dreadful beatings they suffered there in the past.

VITAL STATISTICS

Hakoah v. Polonia: 3-5-0

As the figures will tell you, in eight encounters so far, Polonia have never yet managed a win.

Last year Hakoah won 4-0 once, then it was a 1-1 draw and this again could be a close tussle.

Canterbury v. Yugal: 2-0-6

Both lost their home games last year, Canterbury going down 1-2 and Yugal 3-4.

Strangely enough, they have yet to play a draw. Maybe now?

Prague v. Melita: 1-0-1

Their history is pretty short; last year Prague won 5-2 and lost 0-1.

Since then both have undergone major changes, especially Melita whose forward line will now include the ex-Prague starlet, Terry Thorne.

APIA v. Pan Hellenic

APIA for once will be the underdogs in this clash between Sydney's top two drawing teams.

The champions didn't fulfil the promise shown against Prague a week earlier when they played out a tame draw with Melita last Sunday.

Pan Hellenic, back on the winning track after their stormy defeat against Hakoah, could regain the lead in the championship if Hakoah drop points on Saturday.

This great incentive will add spice to a match which is traditionally incident-packed and grimly fought to the finish.

The match could well follow the pattern of the Australia Cup tie which Pan Hellenic won 1-0 three weeks ago.

Defences should be on top, with Pan Hellenic's rearguard likely to be the more prominent.

APIA's defence has slowed down this year.

This has been evident in recent matches, and I expect the nippy Pan Hellenic forwards, especially if Blitz is in the mood, to show this up.

We can't guarantee football to delight the connoisseur, but if it's excitement and atmosphere you want, then Wentworth Park is the place next Sunday.

The pace should be a cracker and as both teams favor a direct approach, with a minimum of frills, despite the presence of the artistic Campana in the APIA ranks, there should be plenty of action all round.

Pan Hellenic, if the mid-week Australia Cup match doesn't sap their stamina, should streak away to victory.

HAKOAH

FUZES
STEWART
HILLSDON
GARDINER
MARNOC
D. YAAGER
EDMUNDS
BARNETT
WATKISS
BAARTZ
JONES

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
FILOK
SKIBA
ADAMSON
DZIALACH
KOMODER
POVEY
MINOL
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
CALPHY

CANTERBURY

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GALBRAITH
TAYLOR
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HILLHOUSE
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HEWITT
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LISSING
GAUTO
HOGGART
SCHEINFLUG
MOLNAR
ARMYTAGE

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
ROBINSON
BANKHEAD
DE BRUIN
DUFFY
HEWLETT
QUESTED
GOLDIE
SMITH
THORNE
NEMET

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTALICO
CAMPBELL
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CLISS
FERNANDEZ

CROATIA

CORRY
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CURRY
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TEAM OF THE WEEK

EATON (Melita)	ACKERLEY (APIA)
LINCOLN (Croatia)	COLE (Pan Hellenic)
DE BRUIN (Melita)	WESTWATER (Pan Hellenic)
MINOL (Polonia)	BAARTZ (Hakoah)
REYNOLDS (Croatia)	WARREN (St. George)
	McKINNON (APIA)

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0			2-2		5-1					
St. George		●		1-1			1-3	1-2			1-0	
Croatia	1-1		●		0-2		3-1					2-0
Pan Hellenic		2-1		●		3-0			4-1		2-0	3-1
Hakoah			2-0		●		4-3				3-1	
Canterbury	1-4				1-2	●				2-1		3-1
Prague						6-0	●		3-0		1-1	
Polonia			1-0	1-3		2-1	2-2	●	3-1			
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3						●	0-1		3-3
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2			0-0			1-3		●		
South Coast	3-1		7-1			7-2				2-0	●	
Manly		0-3			0-3		1-2			0-1		●



ROUND THE WORLD

European Cup Final

Manchester United are favored to win the European Cup final at Wembley next Wednesday against Benfica of Lisbon. Both teams only lost one match on their way to the final. Benfica were beaten 0-1 by St. Etienne (France), and United lost 0-1 in Poland to Gornik Zabrze. Benfica have won the Cup twice and were beaten twice in the final. By a strange coincidence they appeared in the previous final played at Wembley. In 1963 they lost 1-2 to AC Milan. Manchester United is the first English club to reach the final of the European Cup.

Wonder why?

"Homers" is the tag given to referees who favor the home sides with major decisions. In Austria's First Division last season four times as many visiting players were sent off as home players. In West Germany 64 penalties were awarded against visiting teams and only 17 against home teams. In Holland this ratio was 66-22, in Austria 49-19 and in Switzerland 36-16.

Another Herrera rumor

It's that man Herrera again. The Inter Milan coach just can't keep out of the headlines. Madrid in recent weeks has been agog with growing rumors that Helenio Herrera would quit Inter next month to take over Atletico Madrid. Speculation increased last Wednesday when Herrera flew to Madrid to have talks with Atletico president, Vicente Calderon, before the Real v. Manchester United European Cup semifinal. HH coached Atletico Madrid 20 years ago after ending his career as a player in France.

New course

After the Moscow debacle, all Hungarian officials were depressed and gloomy. In one point, however, they all agreed: Hungary played badly, none worse than goalie Tamas and centre forward Albert both of whom had a long lay off through injury before the Moscow encounter. Said Hungary's new "tecnico", former journalist Janos Palfai: "We must realise that 'soft' and 'pretty' football will never get us anywhere. Until and unless we work more athletic elements into our game, Hungary will sometimes delight the world with spectacular displays — but will never win anything of importance".



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ASF Secretary, Ian Mc Andrew, was impressed with the standard of the Asian Youth Cup matches he saw while in Seoul last week. The matches attracted capacity crowds of 30,000 spectators and produced surprisingly good football for under-20 players. Mc Andrew was particularly impressed with Burma, the winners, Israel and South Korea. An Australian under-20 team, he thought, would be hard pressed to hold their own against their Asian counterparts.

● Denis Law, the great Manchester United and Scotland star, may have to curtail or abandon his career: he suffers from severe arthritis in a knee.

● Emilio Valenti, soccer writer for the Milanese Gazzetta dello Sport, suffered a heart attack after the recent Bayern Munchen v. AC Milan Cupwinners' Cup tie and died in a Munich hospital.

● Dr. Eric Negre, who performed France's second heart transplant at Montpellier, is a former professional soccer player. He played for Ales and Nimes between 1932 and 1937.

● There wasn't one Cardiff player in Wales' team that held West Germany to a 1-1 draw at Cardiff recently. Every player, except Powell (Wrexham) came from English clubs.

● Greece beat Belgium 3-0 in the International Military Tournament and qualified for the second round together with France, who eliminated Morocco, Turkey and Holland.

● FIFA coach, Dettmar Cramer, tore a calf muscle while coaching in South Korea last week. Despite his painful injury he moved on to Tokyo this week to establish Japan's first schoolboys' coaching academy.

● The French amateur national team, an Olympic final qualifier, will play in Noumea and Tahiti next month.

● Scotland and West Germany have agreed on the dates of their World Cup elimination ties. They'll play in Glasgow on April 16, 1969, and in Berlin on October 8 next year.

● As from next season the West German FA will stop issuing local certificates to foreign-born coaches. This virtually puts an end to imported coaches because no coach can operate in Germany without a local diploma.

Ghana halts talent-drain

Ghana, one of Africa's leading soccer nations, has barred its players from moving abroad. So far five of the country's top players are operating in America, four of them at Atlanta, Georgia. The five players were key national team members and their absence is blamed for Ghana's shock defeat in this year's African Nations' Cup. Ghana's coach, Brazilian Carlos Alberto, asked the Ghanaian Government to stop the talent-drain. It promptly obliged, and two weeks ago the country's best forward, Osei Offi, was forcibly detained as he was about to board a New York-bound jet at Accra Airport.

● Manchester United have conferred a life membership on the sole survivor of their 1910-11 championship-winning team — 82-year-old Leslie Hofton, who played left fullback.

● FIFA have officially okayed Brazil's request for a Brazil v. "World XI" match at Rio on November 15 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Brazil's World Cup triumph in Sweden.

● Contrary to most expectations, the Austrian FA has re-appointed the controversial Irwin Alge as team-manager of the national team for another two years.

● In Bruges, Belgium, last week a team of former English internationals beat their Belgian counterparts 4-3. Haynes scored three of England's goals. Among his teammates were Stanley Matthews and Billy Wright.

● Ruch and Gornik Zabrze are favored to fight out the Polish Cup final. Ruch beat Polonia Bytom 3-0 and Gornik eliminated Zaglebie in the quarterfinals.

● The Yugoslav newspaper "SPORT" has chosen the young Red Star Belgrade forward, Acimovic, as the country's most outstanding prospect in 1967-68.

● Vladimir Mirka, the coach of the successful Czechoslovakian junior team, Europe's Youth Champions, declined an offer from West Germany. Instead he resigned for two years as national junior coach cum selector-manager.

● Napoli's second place in the 1967-68 Italian championship is their best placing ever since 1909.

● Helenio Herrera literally had to pay the penalty for his waspish tongue this season. He was fined a total of \$950 by the Italian FA for controversial press statements in the past eight months.

● Eusebio once again topped the Portuguese goal-scoring list this season. Benfica's "Black Panther" scored 42 goals in the 26 league matches.

● AIK Stockholm, the club which beat the Australian national team 2-1 in Hong Kong in November 1965, are off to a bad start in the Swedish competition. They are dead last, with only one point, after four rounds.

Estudiantes' South American title

Estudiantes de la Plata of Argentina won the South American Champions' Cup by beating Palmeiras of Sao Paulo (Brazil) 2-0 in the play-off for the final at Montevideo, Uruguay. Estudiantes will now meet the winner of the Manchester United v. Benfica European Cup Final for the unofficial Intercontinental Cup, symbol of world club supremacy.

Santos jubilee

Brazil will play four matches in Europe in the northern summer: on June 17 against Germany in Hannover, June 20 against Poland in Warsaw, June 23 against Yugoslavia in Belgrade and June 30 against Portugal — this in the African Mozambique. Pele has not changed his mind about his intention not to play for Brazil again and won't travel with the team. However, the 41-year-old Djalma Santos will play at least two matches which will bring him his 100th "cap".

"I'm a swine..."

AC Milan's manager, the hard-driving, whip-cracking Nereo Rocco is the man most feared by players in Italy. Rocco's tough, often Siberian methods sometimes drive players crazy — but Rocco gets results: they won this year's "scudetto" (title pennant), with a record margin. Said Rocco recently to a journalist: "I'm satisfied with our team but don't go and tell this bunch of layabouts that; if they think they're doing well, they'll slack. You've got to give them hell all the time, keep them angry. As long as they think I'm an absolute swine, who needs only one excuse to send them to the salt-mines, they'll keep going."

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CUP (semi-finals, second leg): Real Madrid v. Manchester United 3-3; Juventus v. Benfica 0-1.

FAIR CITIES' CUP (semi-finals): Leeds v. Dundee 1-0. (Leeds will meet Ferencváros or Bologna in the final).

ASIAN YOUTH CUP (final): Burma v. Malaysia 3-0 (Seoul).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Eire v. Poland 2-2 (Dublin).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Kosice v. Teplice 2-0; Trencin v. Dukla 2-0; Sparta v. Trnava 3-3; Plzen v. Slavia 1-2; Inter Bratislava v. Ostrava 4-2; Bohemians v. Slovan 0-1; Zilina v. Lokomotiva 1-1. **Table:** Trnava 29; Trencin 27; Slovan 26; Kosice 25; Inter, Slavia 23; Sparta, Dukla 22.

EAST GERMANY: Rostock v. Jena 2-1; Lokomotive Leipzig v. Magdeburg 4-1; Karlmarxstadt v. Chemie Leipzig 1-0; Stendal v. Union Berlin 0-2; Erfurt v. Dresden 1-2; Zwickau v. Halle 0-0; Vorwaerts Berlin v. Wismut 3-0. **Table:** Jena, Rostock 32; Magdeburg 28; Vorwaerts Berlin 23; Lokomotive Leipzig 22.

ENGLAND (Cup final): West Bromwich Albion v. Everton 1-0 (after extra-time).

FRANCE: Marseille v. Sochaux 0-1; Nantes v. Lille 2-1; Lens v. Metz 1-1; Valenciennes v. Lyon 2-0; St. Etienne v. Monaco 1-0; Nice v. Ajaccio 1-0; Bordeaux v. Angers 1-2; Rouen v. Aix 5-0; Strasbourg v. Sedan 0-2; Red Star v. Rennes 3-1.

GREECE: AEK v. Egaleo 3-1; Vyzas v. Apollon 1-1; Iraklis v. Panelefsinaikos 4-0; Olympiakos Piraeus v. Aris 2-1; Panathinaikos v. Pierikos 3-0; Panserraikos v. Prodeftiki 1-0; PAOK v. Panionios 0-1; Ethnikos v. Veria 3-0; Olympiakos Cyprus v. Volos 2-1. **Table:** AEK 79; Olympiakos Piraeus 73; Panathinaikos 72; Aris 69; Ethnikos 65.

HOLLAND: Volendam v. MVV 4-1; Feyenoord v. Twente 6-0; DOS v. PSV 0-3; Telstar v. Xerxes 2-2; Go Ahead v. Sparta 0-0; ADO v. NEC 0-1; Fortuna v. Ajax 1-4; GVVAV v. NAC 0-1. **Table:** Ajax 56; Feyenoord 55; Go Ahead, ADO 41, Sparta 39.

RUMANIA: Arges v. Steaua 1-1; Rapid v. Petrolul 4-0; Dinamo Bacou v. Mures 1-1; Craiova v. Farul 1-0; Arad v. Cluj 2-1; Progresul v. Steagul Rosu 1-0; Jiul Petroseni v. Dinamo Bucurest 0-1. **Table:** Steaua 30; Arges 28; Dinamo Bucurest 27; Petrolul 25.

SWITZERLAND: Basel v. Bellinzona 1-0; Grenchen v. Biel 1-2; Lugano v. Chaux-de-Fonds 3-1; Lucerne v. Young Boys 2-1; Servette Geneva v. Grasshoppers 0-2; Young Fellows v. Lausanne 1-1; FC Zurich v. Sion 4-0. **Table:** FC Zurich 34; Grasshoppers, Lugano 32; Basel 29; Lausanne 28.

YUGOSLAVIA: OFK Belgrade v. Red Star 1-1; Partizan v. Hajduk 2-2; Zagreb v. Olimpija 0-1; Proleter v. Zeljeznicar 2-1; Vardar v. Velez 4-2; Maribor v. Vojvodina 1-1; Sarajevo v. Rijeka 3-0; Radnicki Nis v. Dinamo Zagreb 2-1. **Table:** Partizan 35; Red Star 34; Zeljeznicar, Hajduk, Vardar 28; Dinamo Zagreb 27; Radnicki Nis 25.

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NONE AS POPULAR AS NATIONAL MASSEUR

— From BOB LOW —

Few, if any, would be more popular in Australian soccer than Lou Lazzari, masseur to the Australian and Victorian sides, and who had over 15 years in a similar role with Juventus in Melbourne.

His role as a top masseur has seen him cover many other sporting fields, including the care and fitness of Australia's Olympic swimmers.

Despite his six-foot plus frame, Lou has an uncanny touch with his hands and fingers, and his understanding and willingness to help any club or competitor have won him a vast array of friends throughout Australia.

A remedial gymnast and masseur with the Repatriation Department at Heidelberg in Melbourne, he was born in Germany of Italian parents, and resides in Richmond with his wife who comes from Scotland and their four sons John, Lou, Peter and David.

He was in the Army for four years during the war and joined Juventus in 1952, leaving them only recently through pressure by the national and State sporting bodies of several sports.

He was a masseur at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, looked after the Italian Davis Cup team in 1961-62, and also the Australian swimming team of 1963.

Our soccer players were in his capable hands during the 1965 and 1967 Asian tours.

In his many years in

State League soccer with Juventus, Lou Lazzari has often come to the aid of other clubs and their players when their own masseurs and trainers were absent for some reason or another.

Soccer in Australia could do with many more men like Lou Lazzari.

GIVE HIM A GO!

George Cross have always given their players better than a fair deal, and the fact that recently they allowed Barry Horsfall to join Melbourne at a bargain price and allowed Billy McIvor to join Second Division club Green Gully-Ajax as a player-coach on loan for the remainder of the season, proves this point.

However, it's hard to fathom the attitude of the George Cross management in regard to wing-half or inside-forward, David Johnstone, who played quite a few first team games for the club last season.

A few weeks back Johnstone, with little hope of winning back a first team place after all the new signings which have placed George Cross on the map, asked for, and was granted, the right to look for another club.

Johnstone was transferred at a fee of \$600 — three times the amount he

collected when he joined the club from Port Glasgow Juniors last season.

Almost unknown outside of George Cross, it was not surprising no concrete offers were made for the player, who then withdrew his request and resumed training with the Cross nearly three weeks ago.

At least two State League clubs have been interested in Johnstone and may have in fact been prepared to pay the \$600 asked had they been given the opportunity to see the player in action, even with the George Cross reserves.

But for some strange reason, the Cross management and selectors have killed his chances of a move by failing to include Johnstone even in their reserve side.

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

SM-Hellas 4 (Mick 2, Tsarellas, Damainakos) v. JUST 0.
Slavia 2 (Randles, Reid) v. Alexander 0.
Lions v. Juventus 0-0.
Hakoah 1 (Stenhouse) v. George Cross 1 (McCallum).
Melbourne-HSC 3 (Wallace, Abonyi, Stoffels) v. Wilhelmina 2 (Aakins, Wyatt).
Polonia 1 (Adamczyk) v. Croatia 0.

VIC. TABLE

George Cross	4	3	—	17	6	11
Hakoah	4	2	1	14	7	10
Hellas	4	2	1	14	5	10
Slavia	3	3	1	11	8	9
Polonia	2	4	1	6	6	8
Croatia	3	1	3	5	5	7
Wilhelmina	2	2	3	12	8	6
Alexander	2	2	3	10	13	6
Melbourne	2	2	3	9	14	6
Juventus	1	3	3	10	18	5
Lions	1	3	3	3	6	5
JUST	—	1	6	4	19	1

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Wilhelmina v. Hakoah at Ringwood, SM Hellas v. Lions at Middle Park, Slavia v. JUST at Olympic Park.

Sunday: George Cross v. Croatia at Olympic Park, Juventus v. Melbourne at St. Kilda, Polonia v. Alexander at Maribyrnong.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Polonia v. Victoria 0-0.
Hellas 3 (Batchelor, Birch, Byrnes) v. Croatia 1 (Slager).
Juventus 2 (Serafini, Parsons o.g.) v. Beograd 0.
Cumberland v. Austria 0-0.
Lion 1 (Lovell) v. Elizabeth 0.

S A TABLE

Polonia	4	1	—	10	1	9
Hellas	4	1	1	17	7	9
Lions	3	1	1	8	5	7
Beograd	2	2	1	7	5	6
Juventus	2	1	2	6	5	5
Victoria	2	1	2	7	6	5
Croatia	2	—	3	5	7	4
Elizabeth	1	—	4	4	11	2
Austria	—	2	3	3	11	2
Cumberland	—	1	4	3	12	1

S.A. PROGRAM

Juventus v. Cumberland — Olympic Sports Field.
Croatia v. Beograd — Hanson Reserve, Victoria v. WA Hellas — Blair Athol, Austria v. Elizabeth City — Croydon Park, USC Lion v. Polonia — Hindmarsh Stadium.

CRISP COMMENTS

The SA selectors have put all their eggs in one basket in naming the State squad to train for the match against Cardiff City on June 29.

Adrian Deckers and Alex Hastings, in conjunction with coach, Edmund Kreft, have named a squad of 31, all aged under 23.

Only 12 of the large squad have previously represented SA before — Roger Romanowicz, Wally Fedyczyczyn, John Perin, Henry Kolecki, Roy Burdett, Tony Batchelor, Giovanni Meneghetti, Ted De Lyster, Marian Kolecki, Mitia Marusic, Nick Pantelis and Billy Birch.

The other squad members are: Warner, Langley, Baggio, Hamence, "Buggsy", Nyskohus, Murray, Johnson, Travar, Wetton, Costello, Kouzapa, Moore, Besir, Serafini, Mielnik, Reynolds, Harper, Bailey and Geza Farkas.

"SASF is unfair to Salabasides."

"Justice not prejudice." Placards proclaiming these protests were carried around the Hindmarsh Stadium by a group of Adelaide Hellas supporters last Saturday.

The supporters were upset by the Disciplinary Committee's rejection of an appeal by Sam Salabasides to have his sine die suspension lifted.

The committee ruled that Salabasides must wait until next season before making another appeal.

Salabasides was found guilty of assaulting referee, Sven Radjenovic, during a game against Austria in 1964.

He returned to Greece after his suspension and was allowed to play in Salonika from early 1965 until April 1967 when he came back to Adelaide.

— Allan Crisp

INTERSTATE SCORES

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Second Division: Sturt v. Parra Hills 2-1, Port Adelaide v. Campbelltown 3-3, Budapest v. Azzurri 2-1, Malta v. Birkalla 2-0, Don v. Windsor 1-5.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Swan Valley v. Azzurri 3-1, Cracovia v. Windmills 2-1, Olympic v. Swan Athletic 4-1, Cottlesloe v. Athena 6-3, Kiev v. Tricolore 4-1.

TASMANIA

South: University v. Juventus 3-4, Eagles v. South Hobart 6-2, Rapids v. Calies 3-2, Olympia v. Croatia 2-1. North: Devonport v. Ulverstone 5-1, Rovers v. Spartans 2-3, Launceston United v. South Launceston 4-0.

NEWCASTLE

Weston v. Adamstown 1-4, Lake Macquarie v. Newcastle Austral 3-1, West Wallsend v. Belmont-Swansea 5-1, New Lambton v. Wallsend 1-0.

A.C.T.

Concordia v. Juventus 1-1, Olympic v. Burns 1-1, Croatia v. Monaro 0-0, Cooma v. Queanbeyan 0-0.

QUEENSLAND

Azzurri v. Oxley 3-0, Hollandia v. Merton 3-2, Hellenic v. Polonia 1-0, St. Helens v. Coalstars 2-1, Latrobe v. Grange Thistle 3-1.

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WITH THE ALPHAS BIG TEST FOR AGAINST ARTATY

— By KEITH GILMOUR

Lidcombe came home from N. with the two points that shifted then bottom of the First Division table, as of an unexpected, but merited 3-2 Marrickville.

Their defence played particularly well to weather the storm over the final 15 minutes, after they had regained the lead.

At the change-over, Lidcombe led 2-0, but with an early goal and a penalty the count went to 2-2.

Lidcombe notched the winning goal in the teeth of a stiff wind.

Wentworthville downed Eastside-MTK 3-0, to take its tally to eight matches without defeat.

With the run of the wind, Eastside held the game to nil-all at half-time.

Both sides played constructively, but Eastside had one player sent off with only five minutes remaining for play.

Next Saturday Wentworthville will receive another severe testing, when they meet the sound Artarmon side at Artarmon Reserve.

Wentworthville leads Artarmon by 15 points to 12 on the table, and this should be one of the season's best amateur fixtures.

St. Marys gained a 2-1 win over Arncliffe Scots in a Second Division match at Ridge Park.

Arncliffe is not repeating last year's success story, mainly for the lack of a couple of sharpshooters, although the team is making its opponents fight for every point.

Third Division Loftus Rovers won a tight, hard game against Gladesville-Hornsby at Epping Oval on Saturday after scoring in the first half.

They were able to withstand Gladesville's storming attacks late in the game, thanks to a large extent to the goalkeeping of Les Hazlehurst.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Belmore v. NSW Uni. 2-2 6-1
Blacktown v. Thistle 3-4 0-2
Sth. Sydney v. Artarmon 0-0 2-3
Ryde v. Concordia 0-4 1-2
Wenty v. Eastside-MTK 3-0 1-1
Marrickville v. Lidcombe 2-3 4-2

SECOND DIVISION

Riverside v. Sydney Uni. 4-0 3-1
St. Marys v. Arncliffe 3-1 1-1
Kewpies v. Warringah 1-3 0-3
Yagoona v. Penrith 2-2 5-0
Gymea v. Enmore 0-8 1-3
Guildford v. Auburn 4-0 5-2

THIRD DIVISION

G'ville-H'by v. Rovers 0-1 0-3
Condell Park v. All Stars 1-2 2-1
Dee Why v. F'field-Kiev 6-2 4-0
Revesby v. West Ryde 0-1 2-0

FOURTH DIVISION

Central Utd. v. Prospect 1-0 5-1
Padstow Pk. v. Newtown 3-4 4-1
L'pool Eagles v. Chelsea 3-1 0-4
Maroubra v. Ku-ring-gai 2-1 0-4
C'town v. Beverly Hills 4-0 3-2

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 25

First Division: Artarmon v. Wenty, Waratah — Artarmon Oval, East Side-MTK v. Marrickville — Moore Park.

Second Division: Arncliffe Scots v. Kewpies — Cahill Park, Warringah v. Riverside — Dee Why Oval, Sydney University v. Yagoona — St. Paul's Oval.

Third Division: West Ryde v. Greenacre — Meadowbank No. 3.
Fourth Division: Ku-ring-gai v. Central United — Asquith Park, Newtown v. Beverly Hills — Outer Wentworth Park.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

First Division: Lidcombe v. Belmore — Coleman Park, NSW Uni. v. Ryde — D. Phillips Oval, Concordia v. Blacktown — Steel Park, Thistle v. South Sydney — Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Second Division: Auburn Juniors v. St. Marys — Progress Park, Penrith v. Gymea — Jamison Park, Enmore v. Guildford — Mackay Park.

Third Division: All Stars v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Jones Park, Rovers Juniors v. Smith-

field — Loftus Oval, Kiev v. Revesby Wc Knights Park.

Fourth Division: Chell Campbelltown — Moore Prospect v. Liverpool Eagl, Jardine Park, Padstow v. oubra — Padstow Oval.

Sydney Juniors

Highlight of last week-end's Sydney metropolitan championships was the outstanding exhibition of North's under-16 goalkeeper, G. Cooper.

Playing against Canterbury, Cooper made many spectacular saves throughout an exciting match.

In the under-18s, Manly's G. Rimmer and Sutherland's T. Murphy gave dazzling displays.

LAST WEEK'S

RESULTS & TABLES

All-Age: Wests 4 d. Canterbury 1; Sutherland 0 drew Bankstown 0; Ku-ring-gai bye.

Under-21: Gladesville 4 d. Sutherland 2; Canterbury 3 d. Wests 1; Granville 6 d. Manly 0.

Under-18: St. George 9 d. Canterbury 0; Ku-ring-gai 5 d. Wests 2; Manly 9 d. Sutherland 2.

Under-16: Bankstown 8 d. Manly 1; Canterbury 3 d. Norths 1; St. George 3 d. Wests 0; Sth. Districts 3 d. Sutherland 1; Gladesville 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 1.

Under-15: Bankstown 1 d. Manly 0; Easts 2 d. Granville 0; Wests 4 d. St. George 2; Sutherland 0 drew Nepean 0; Gladesville 4 d. Ku-ring-gai 1.

Under-14: Bankstown 3 d. Manly 2; St. George 2 d. Wests 1; Sutherland 4 d. Nepean 0; Gladesville 8 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Canterbury 1 drew Granville 1.

Under-13: Bankstown 3 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; St. George 5 d. Norths 3; Granville 3 d. Nepean 0; Sutherland 4 d. Manly 1; Wests 2 d. Canterbury 1; Gladesville bye.

Under-12: Bankstown 4 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; St. George 5 d. Norths 0; Granville 8 d. Nepean 0; Sth. Districts 3 d. Gladesville 1; Sutherland 6 d. Manly 0; Canterbury 5 d. Wests 0.

Under-11: Bankstown 1 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; St. George 3 d. Norths 0; Sutherland bye; Granville 1 drew Nepean 1; Canterbury 1 d. Wests 0; Gladesville 6 d. Easts 0.

Under-10: Ku-ring-gai 3 d. Bankstown 2; St. George 4 d. Norths 0; Granville 2 drew Nepean 2; Sutherland 2 d. Manly 0; Canterbury 3 d. Wests 1; Gladesville 2 d. Easts 0.

Under-9: Bankstown 3 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; St. George 6 d. Norths 0; Granville 3 d. Nepean 1; Sutherland 4 d. Sth. Districts 0; Canterbury 1 d. Wests 0; Gladesville 1 d. Wests 0.

Under-8: Bankstown 3 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; St. George 6 d. Norths 0; Granville 0 drew Nepean 0; Sutherland 0 drew Manly 0; Canterbury 1 drew Wests 1; Sth. Districts 2 d. Gladesville 0.

UNDER-16

Sth. Districts	5	1	—	19	1	11
St. George	5	1	—	26	13	11
Bankstown	5	—	1	25	10	10
Canterbury	3	1	2	19	13	7
Sutherland	3	—	4	16	16	6
Gladesville	3	—	4	19	20	6
Norths	2	2	3	7	16	6
Wests	2	—	3	8	10	4
Manly	1	—	6	5	33	2
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	5	5	17	1

UNDER-15

Gladesville	6	—	1	29	7	12
Bankstown	5	1	—	18	5	11
Wests	5	1	—	17	6	11
Easts	4	2	1	16	10	10
Manly	2	2	3	9	10	6
Granville	3	—	4	14	18	6
Sutherland	2	1	4	10	18	5
St. George	2	—	5	13	28	4
Nepean	1	1	5	3	13	3
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	7	4	18	0

UNDER-14

Sutherland	6	1	—	27	5	13
Bankstown	5	—	1	39	5	10
Gladesville	5	—	2	30	10	10
Manly	4	—	3	25	11	8
Granville	3	1	3	11	23	7
Wests	2	1	2	4	6	5
Canterbury	2	1	3	6	23	5
St. George	2	—	5	13	28	4
Nepean	1	1	5	8	22	3
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	6	4	33	1

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Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

GRADE II.	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	7	1	1	27	8	14
APIA	6	1	1	20	8	13
SCU	5	—	3	23	15	10
Melita Eagles	5	—	3	19	16	10
Croatia	3	3	2	11	12	9
St. George	3	2	3	17	17	8
Polonia	3	2	3	17	17	8
Hakoah	3	1	4	10	7	7
Pan Hellenic	3	—	5	11	15	6
Canterbury	2	1	5	10	24	5
Manly	2	—	6	9	18	4
Yugal	1	—	7	6	23	2

GRADE III.	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	7	1	1	15	7	15
Croatia	6	1	1	20	8	13
Canterbury	5	2	1	19	10	12
Pan Hellenic	4	3	1	8	6	11
Prague	5	—	3	15	11	10
Yugal	3	3	2	14	11	9
SCU	3	1	4	19	13	7
Hakoah	2	2	4	10	12	6
Melita Eagles	2	1	5	17	25	5
Manly	1	2	5	10	20	4
Polonia	1	—	7	10	22	2
APIA	1	—	7	7	17	2

SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	7	1	1	19	6	15
Auburn	6	1	1	23	12	13
Sutherland	5	2	1	17	14	12
Western Subs.	5	—	3	19	15	10
Granville	4	1	3	17	12	9
Balgownie	3	2	3	15	10	8
Marconi	3	1	4	9	8	7
Corinthians	3	1	4	12	16	7
N. Bankstown	2	2	4	10	20	6
NS-Inter	2	1	5	10	24	5
Hornsby-NE	1	—	7	18	23	2
Lane Cove	1	—	7	11	21	2

GRADE II.	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	7	1	1	29	5	15
Balgownie	6	1	1	27	11	14
Bankstown	6	1	1	27	11	14
Hornsby-NE	6	—	2	19	11	12
Sutherland	5	1	2	27	15	11
Auburn	3	3	2	21	16	9
Marconi	3	2	3	10	10	8
Granville	3	—	5	19	31	6
Lane Cove	2	—	6	6	36	4
Corinthians	2	2	6	8	20	2
NS-Inter	1	1	7	12	34	1
N. Bankstown	1	—	7	9	26	1

GRADE III.	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	8	—	1	30	3	16
Western Subs.	6	1	1	40	4	13
Sutherland	5	3	—	33	10	13
N. Bankstown	4	2	2	18	12	10
Granville	4	1	3	18	20	9
Auburn	4	—	4	26	19	8
Balgownie	4	—	4	15	14	8
Hornsby-NE	3	1	4	15	15	7
Lane Cove	3	1	4	19	27	7
Corinthians	1	1	6	14	24	3
NS-Inter	1	—	8	8	54	2
Marconi	—	—	8	6	39	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wentley	7	1	—	30	6	15
Artarmon	4	4	—	18	5	12
Thistle	5	1	2	27	12	11
St. Sydney	4	2	2	11	10	10
Marrickville	3	2	3	17	13	8
Concordia	3	1	4	14	16	7
Uni. NSW	3	1	4	12	19	7
Belmore	1	5	2	9	16	7
Eastside-MTK	3	—	5	14	20	6
Lidcombe	2	1	5	10	19	5
Blacktown	2	—	6	15	30	4
Ryde	1	2	5	5	17	4

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	7	1	—	32	5	15
Guildford	7	—	1	26	7	14
Warringah	6	2	—	27	9	14
Riverside	5	—	3	21	16	10
St. Marys	4	1	3	28	27	9
Yagoona	4	1	2	12	12	9
Sydney Uni.	2	3	3	15	19	7
Kewpies	2	1	5	13	19	5
Auburn	2	—	6	14	23	4
Arncliffe Scots	2	—	5	7	16	4
Perrith	—	3	5	13	29	3
Gymea	—	—	8	9	35	—

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Condell Park	5	2	1	25	14	12
G'ville-Hornsby	4	1	2	21	10	9
Des. Why	3	3	1	19	12	9
Rovers	4	—	2	21	9	8
Revesby	4	—	3	22	15	8
All Stars	4	—	2	14	14	8
West Ryde	2	1	5	10	13	5
Greenacre	1	1	4	12	28	3
F'field-Kiev	1	1	4	10	26	3
Smithfield	—	1	5	13	26	1

FOURTH DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town	6	—	—	21	6	12
Liverpool	5	—	1	18	8	10
Padstow Park	3	1	2	20	16	7
Beverly Hills	3	1	2	20	17	7
Newtown	3	1	2	18	17	7
Maroubra	2	1	3	9	17	5
Prospect	1	2	3	14	10	4
Central Utd.	2	—	4	12	19	4
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	4	19	18	3
Chelsea	—	1	5	6	29	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic v. SCU	2-1	0-4				
Polonia v. Canterbury	1-1	1-3				
Melita v. APIA	1-2	1-4				
Manly v. Hakoah	1-2	0-0				
Yugal v. St. George	1-4	0-1				
Croatia v. Prague	1-2	2-0				

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hornsby v. L. Cove	1-5	3-2	2-2			
Granville v. St. George	1-2	2-4	1-6			
Corinthians v. Wests	1-2	0-3	0-12			
B'town v. Marconi	1-0	1-1	6-0			
B'nie v. N. B'town	0-1	4-0	2-0			
NS-Inter v. Auburn	1-3	4-6	1-4			

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BANKSTOWN'S FIGHT TO KEEP UNBEATEN RECORD

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

All three clubs holding the top three places on the competition table won their matches this weekend but the leading trio had to struggle to retain their high rating.

Bankstown were lucky to notch a win against Marconi while Sutherland had to overcome a 1-0 halftime deficit before toppling Granville.

Auburn, despite their 3-1 victory over NS-Inter, had to fight all the way to subdue the newcomers.

Hornsby-NE v. Lane Cove 1-5

Lane Cove struck form with a reshuffled side capably led by coach Jock Aird.

They dominated the game right from the outset, and by halftime they led 2-0. After the interval Hornsby scored their only goal to reduce the leeway but United hit back with another three goals.

Lane Cove: Giannini; Carter, Gamble; Nadj, Bertinetti, Cooper; Thomas (2), Coutts, Aird, Mitchell (3), Carr.

Granville v. Sutherland 1-2

In a closely fought tussle at Macarthur Park, Sutherland

Shire finished strongly to win both points with a picture goal five minutes from the end.

Granville led at the break with a goal by Jimmy Williams, but could not withstand the pressure which Sutherland exerted late in the game, resulting in the visitors' scoring twice towards the end of the match.

Best players on the field were Peter Corfield of Sutherland and Louis Falzon for Granville.

Granville: Sparkes; Falzon, Pendleton; Dean, Staunton, Creilly; H. Williams, Perez, J. Williams (1), Tamandl, Oberman.

Sutherland: Root; Paterson, McAneny; Turner, Shrubsole, Corfield; Ribbing, Roche (1), Griffiths (1), Davidson, Cucciti.

Bankstown v. Marconi 1-0

Despite the blustery wind which made the ball very hard to control, the game was

entertaining and provided plenty of thrills.

Playing with the wind, Marconi held Bankstown in the first half, but soon after the interval Bankstown scored the winning goal when Bamforth pounced on a loose ball in the centre and lobbed it high over the advancing Marconi goalkeeper.

Centre-half Hinksman dominated the midfield in the second half and cut short many dangerous Marconi moves.

Bankstown: Friedl; G. Jamieson, Fitzgerald; McDermott, Hinksman, Turnbull; Madden, J. Jamieson, Bamforth (1), Tansley, White.

Marconi: Langelaar; Tomasov, Scotti; Shultz, Milani, Okorn; Giacometti, Gray, Madday (Marchetto), Kelly, Vibert.

NS-Inter v. Auburn 1-3

Auburn took the lead after six minutes when a hard drive by Fernie hit a defender and deflected into the net.

Inter played some good football in the first half but could not pierce the Auburn defence and against the run of play Auburn increased their lead when Fernie once again found the net via another North Sydney defender.

Norths fought back after the interval to reduce the leeway, but with about 15 minutes to go O'Neill sealed the result with another goal.

Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggett; Entwistle, Thompson, Keen; McKnight (Crock-er), Thomas, Fernie (2), Grezlak, O'Neill (1).

Corinthians v. Wests 1-2

After dominating play for most of the first half, Wests could only lead 1-0 at the interval through a goal by Cassidy midway in the half.

After the interval Corinthians levelled the score with a good goal from short range.

Peter Pont scored the winning goal when his shot deceived Griffin and finished in the net.

Griffin collided with inside-left Woods 10 minutes from the end and had to leave the field.

Western Suburbs: Hourigan; Bastion, Apostolidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, White; Bosklopper, Cassidy (1), Pont (1), Woods, Nutley.

THIS WEEKEND

Can Bankstown maintain their unbeaten record against Wests this weekend?

Sunday's game could be their toughest yet.

However, unless Wests turn on a sizzler at Drummoine, Bankstown should scrape through to keep their record intact.

In other matches, Marconi should beat Balgownie at Bossley Park while Auburn have an easy game against Hornsby.

Sutherland may beat Corinthians easily and Granville should defeat Lane Cove while North Sydney Inter could well snatch a point from North Bankstown.

Sydney second, third grades

SECOND GRADE

Polonia 1: Fraser; Fryer, Tomaszewski; Black, Parish, Tarver; Prokurat, Bell, Hanley (1), Bazak, Parkin.

Canterbury 1: Lindsay; Gordon, Raeburn; Como, Champion, French; Katsaras, Montague, Harris, Massi (1), Salerno.

Pan Hellenic 2: Clarke; Walker, Stevenson; J. Smith, Mallard, Henson (1); Vrolyks, Petrou, Savides, Byles, Kakakios' (1).

South Coast 1: Ramage; Kerr, Ringland; Shepherd, Grant, Strachan; Tolhurst, Beard, Mulqueeny, Freeme, Griffiths (1).

Croatia 1: Easter; Williamson, Bonazza; Stuart, Clark, J. Yaeger; Johnson, Guerrero, Sambrook, D. Brian (1), Frakes.

Prague 2: Earl; Loveday, Spinks; Hill, McLoughlin, Miner; M. Lissing (1), Reilly, Lowrie, Willcox, R. Manuel (1).

St. George 4: Ball; Giovanni, Wills; Bushby, Sandell, Clarke; Burton, G. Harris, Galambos (3), Piggott (1), Telfer.

Yugal 1: S. Viskovich; G. Viskovich, Josevic; G. Clancy, Glenday, Kresinger; Tomich, Bert, Durnovich (1), Milakovich, Grbavski.

Melita Eagles 1: O'Keefe; Williams, Watts; A. Arrighi, Edwards (1), Black; Cooper, Price, R. Arrighi, Wollowczyk, Kovacs.

APIA 2: McGuire; Callaghan, Di Leonardo; Tedesco (1), Parkin, Burnett; Gray, Sileoni, Dickinson, Bregante, Burnett (1).

Referee: T. Davies.

THIRD GRADE

Polonia 0: Rooser; Henretty, Davis; Tansley, McFadyen, Wellings; Irwin, Prokurat, Watson, Chodkiewicz, Blaczak.

Canterbury 3: Pinnock; Eldridge, Paul; Lazaric, Domenici, Harris; Mashman, Hayes (1), Thompson (1), Seymour (1), Piggott.

Pan Hellenic 0: McClure; Langdon, Adams; Haggett, Sparsis, Dredge; Coelho, Howard, Sotos, Petsalis, Huntley.

South Coast 4: Radburn; Bott, Newson; Conlin, Sutherland, C. Vangelovich (1); Jones, McLeod (1), Tuckerman (1), Newman (1), T. Vangelovich.

Referee: E. Truppe.

Croatia 2: Mumford; Low, Carr; Costello, Thompson, Slater; Zanotti (Brian), Dalforno, Barboutis (1), Ross, Sanders (1).

Prague 0: Blacklow; Butt, Green; Flynn, Zenari, Anasis; Steffe, Pettie, Horinek, Franklin, Perry (Parkhouse).

Yugal 0: Goufas; Cirjanic, Kelly; Abercrombie, Harden, Kipic; Mullins, Nelson, Rudgley, Willey, J. Lissing.

St. George 1: Fraser; Gordon, Gibbs; Lewis, Stead, Denman; Tsolakis, B. Harris (1), Freer, Rodgers, Treasure.

Referee: R. Moore.

Melita Eagles 1: Galea; Pondikos, Thomson; Mapledoran, Pastor, Durtanovich; Stafford, Miranda, McDougall, Doran (1), Wingfield.

APIA 4: Seymour; Staples, Buckley, Finlay, Russell (1), Glocchiatti, Fedele (3), McKenzie, Pedulla, McNamara, Morrison.

Referee: E. Cook.

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